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CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION VOICES SUPPORT FOR COUNTY GROWTH TIER MAP

FREDERICK, MD – The [Chesapeake Bay Foundation \(CBF\)](#) yesterday sent a letter to President Blaine Young of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners in reference to the county's efforts to adopt a growth tier map in accordance with the [Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012](#) (Senate Bill 236) – also referred to as the “septic bill.” The foundation commended President Young and members of the board for adopting a revised growth tier map that addresses the growth tier criteria.

CBF Executive Director Alison Prost wrote that the foundation was “encouraged” by Frederick County's recently revised growth tier map and stated, “CBF stands ready to assist the county in adopting a tier map that is well aligned with clean water laws, programs and policies.”

The goal of the septic bill, effective July 1, 2012, is to limit the disproportionate impacts of large subdivisions on septic systems on farm and forest lands, streams, rivers and the Chesapeake and coastal bays. Counties that chose to not submit a tier map are restricted from allowing major subdivisions on septic systems.

President Young commented, “The support of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, as well as that of the Maryland Department of Planning, points to our hard work to comply with the provisions of this law, as well as their recognition of the unique characteristics of our rural county. We thank the foundation for their support and will continue to work toward the protection of our county's rural agricultural economy.

“As State Planning Secretary Richard Hall has acknowledged, Frederick County should be granted the available exemption that will allow major subdivisions of six or more lots on septic in the Tier IV areas. Due to our advocacy efforts in Annapolis, he and many others have now gained a better understanding of our unique zoning practices.”

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